

# The Australian Women's Register

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**Entry type:** Person  
**Entry ID:** PR00540

## Noy, Catherine

(1962 - )

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**Born** 19620120, Warragul Victoria Australia

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**Occupation** Administrator, Community worker

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### Summary

The daughter and grand-daughter of Gippsland dairy farmers, Catherine Noy has always been involved in her local community. Based in Gippsland, she was at the geographical epicentre of the Women in Agriculture movement, and worked on the administration of the First International Women in Agriculture Conference, the Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women, and the projects of the Gippsland Women's Network.

### Details

After leaving her job at Agriculture Victoria in Warragul to raise a family, Catherine ran her own management administration service, and became involved at a critical moment in the administration of the First International Women in Agriculture Conference, with Maria Rose. She spent four years (1995-1999) as executive officer of the Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women, before moving on, as Networking Officer, to organise forums and skills workshops for the Gippsland Women's Network, in response to needs highlighted by the conference. These included the Women Who Mean Business Project (2002-2004), the Uniting Our Rural Communities Cultural and Community Leadership Project (1997), and the Having Your Voice Heard Forum (2000). Catherine both experienced at first hand and witnessed the transformative effects of the Conference and its outcomes on the empowerment of rural women, and on their recognition of the importance of the links between them, and of their strengths. Women became innovators on family farms as a result. Catherine is currently involved in pastoral care for the aged, in counselling, and with Radio Print Handicapped.

### Published resources

#### Conference Proceedings

Women in Agriculture: Farming for Our Future, Women in Agriculture 1994 International Conference Committee Inc., 1995

#### Report

Project Report: International Women in Agriculture Conference, Rose, Maria, 1994

#### Booklet

The Salute From Australia at the 2nd International Conference on Women in Agriculture, McDougall, Valerie (ed.), 1998

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

#### Site Exhibition

Brilliant Ideas and Huge Visions: ABC Radio Australian Rural Women of the Year - 1994-1997, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2011,  
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/rwya/rwya-home.html>

### Archival resources

#### National Library of Australia, Manuscript Collection

[Papers of Mary Salce, 1976-2007 \[manuscript\]](#)

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